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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Chief, Programs Staff, OSA

**SUBJECT:** IDEALIST Operational Summary  
and Status (October 1965)

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum from D/SA to D/FA/OSA  
and D/TECH/OSA; dated 26 May 1965;  
Subject: OSA Monthly Report to  
DD/S&T and Program B Quarterly  
Review Report to the D/NRO [redacted]

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Attached is the IDEALIST Operational Summary and  
Status report for the month of October 1965.

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[redacted]  
Lt. Colonel USAF  
Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

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OPERATIONAL SUMMARY AND STATUS

I. General Summary

A. The following tabulation is a resume of Agency U 2 reconnaissance flights for the month of October 1965:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AREA</u>
16 October 1965	East China Coast
19 October 1965	Hainan and South China
20 October 1965	Southwest China
29 October 1965	Cambodia

B. Mission C545C, flown on 20 October, was a round-robin mission from [ ] and [ ]

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C. Mission S015A, flown on 29 October to obtain coverage of Cambodia, was the first operational overflight mission in 1965 [ ]

D. Article 352 and the pilot [ ] were lost on a training mission on 23 October 1965. Eye-witnesses report that the aircraft crashed into the water off the northeast [ ] A board, to investigate the accident, is expected to convene at [ ] approximately 1 November 1965.

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E. At the request of [ ] and [ ] Article 384 were returned to [ ] on 29-30 October 1965.

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**F. Personnel of the IDRALIST detachment at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were rotated during the week of 19 October 1965.**

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**II. Product Improvement**

**A. Operational testing of the [REDACTED]  
serial number one, was completed during this month and the  
instrument returned to [REDACTED] for further envi-  
ronmental testing. Flight tests of serial number two will be  
accomplished during the month of November 1965. Serial number  
one operated satisfactorily and was declared operationally  
ready.**

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**B. Tests of droppable fuel tanks were completed by  
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and were completely successful.**

**C. One U-2 was painted with a new black paint and flight  
tests were begun in October to determine its effectiveness in  
reducing visual acquisition of the aircraft. Initial results  
indicate that the new paint is effective, but additional  
testing will be accomplished during November 1965.**

**D. On 14 October, System 17 was test flown in the vicinity  
of [REDACTED] Results are unknown at this time. Further testing  
is to be conducted in December 1965.**

**E. Flight testing of the new Perkin-Elmer lightweight  
tracker camera was initiated in October and will continue into  
November 1965.**

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